

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Paralegals and Legal Assistants (23-2011)

Associated Occupation: Office Clerks, General (43-9061)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 80

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Clerical	7.3	20.8	17.5	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	14.7	9.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
English Language	11.2	11.9	18.4	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Active Listening	11.0	11.5	12.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Reading Comprehension	10.7	11.5	12.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	8.7	8.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Speech Clarity	10.2	10.7	10.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Recognition	9.9	10.3	10.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Written Expression	9.8	9.8	13.0	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Number Facility	6.3	7.1	5.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	6.7	5.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Memorization	5.6	5.8	6.7	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 65

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3
Maintain legal forms	87
Maintain records, reports, or files	5
Organize legal information or records	80
Use oral or written communication techniques	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 66

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Content management software	6
Data management and query software	1
Duplicating machines	6

Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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